

Confusing Words Exercise

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word.

1. She managed to keep her
throughout the ordeal.

sanity
sanctity
serenity

2. His hurt her feelings.

irony
sarcasm
Either could be used here

3. people tend to lose
friends quickly.

Ironic
Sarcastic
Either could be used here

4. He watched his enemies turn against each
other with amusement.

satirical

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sardonic

5. The poor man received a beating from the thugs.

savage

sardonic

savory

6. Voltaire's Candide is a famous

satire

irony

sarcasm

7. The hurricane caused damage.

irrepressible

irresistible

irreparable

8. The partners' differences seem

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Irrefutable
Irreconcilable

9. romantics are always falling in love.

Inveterate
invertebrate
invigorate

10. His sense of humor helped him through hard times.

invisible
invincible
invisible

11. The door opens

inward
inwards
Either could be used here

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12. The train derailed.

inward

inwards

Either could be used here

Answers

1. She managed to keep her sanity throughout the ordeal.
2. His sarcasm hurt her feelings.
3. Sarcastic people tend to lose friends quickly.
4. He watched his enemies turn against each other with sardonic amusement.
5. The poor man received a savage beating from the thugs.
6. Voltaire's *Candide* is a famous satire.
7. The hurricane caused irreparable damage.
8. The partners' differences seem irreconcilable.
9. Inveterate romantics are always falling in love.
10. His invincible sense of humor helped him through hard times.
11. The door opens inward / inwards.
12. The inward train derailed.